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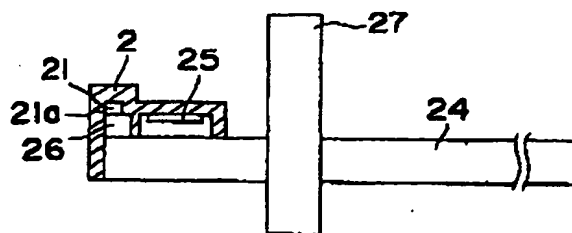
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(54) **Semiconductor laser device.**

(57) A semiconductor laser device includes a base, a semiconductor laser chip and a resin layer enclosing the laser chip. The base may have a monitor photodiode mounted thereon in the vicinity of the laser chip. The resin layer enclosing the laser chip or both of the laser chip and the monitor diode chip is made of a single synthetic resin having a thickness not greater than 500µm and also having a surface substantially parallel to an outwardly oriented beam emitting end face of the laser chip.

Fig. 4



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1. Claims 1-5 : A semiconductor laserchip mounted on a base and enclosed by a resin layer with a limited thickness and a surface being parallel to the light emitting laserfacet.
2. Claims 6-8 : A semiconductor laserchip and a monitoring photodiode mounted on a base and enclosed by a resin layer, in which the base allows a special relative orientation between the laser and the photodiode.
3. Claims 9-14 : A semiconductor laserchip and a monitoring photodiode mounted on a base and enclosed by a resin layer, and comprising a protective member integrally fitted to said base.
4. Claim 15 : A semiconductor laserchip, a monitoring photodiode and a second photodiode, including a hologram for guiding reflected laserlight onto said second photodiode, said laserchip and photodiodes enclosed by a resin layer.
5. Claim 16 : A semiconductor laserchip, a monitoring photodiode and a second photodiode, mounted on a stem and enclosed by a cap comprising a hologram for guiding reflected laserlight onto said second photodiode.